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a bit of discussion on the floor. Part of this was a reaction to the discussion we've had on the floor. I'm perfectly willing to listen to discussion on this. I do understand, in some situations, where having a broader diversity in a policymaking budget or administrative area, not budget, but an administrative area where having more opinions is valuable. On the other hand, whoever is on this board is not going to get there by having been a milquetoast, that they are strong and opinionated, and I say that positively, not afraid to speak their mind, not afraid to represent their decision process. So I'm not sure that that's an issue in this point, in other words, that we need five instead of three, just to have a broader diversity. I don't necessarily believe it is a chummy club at this point. think that from the practical standpoint adding additional funding, additional spending at this point is something that we ought to do very cautiously and I'm not ready to expand from five. So this cuts it from five back to three, keeps it in the present...my intent is to keep it at least in the present congressional districts and so forth, if it's drafted that way, and I assume that it was. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Further debate? Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: I rise to oppose Senator Wehrbein's amendment. I thought that the discussion Senator Kristensen presented to you about the history of the TERC was telling and I couldn't help but know that Senator Wehrbein's amendment was going to be next and that we would have a chance for history to repeat itself. Now what are the old...how many old sayings can you think about what we should learn from history? Should we learn from our mistakes? And I think we did make a mistake, not an...not a mistake that we knew that we were making at the time, but I think Senator Kristensen was right when he characterized what we did that rainy night as a mistake. We did a little bit, like a friend of mine always says, well, you know, when you really want to make a mistake, just cheapen up, and that's what we did. Now a bunch of us have been touring the dome of the Capitol recently and we've gone up there and we've looked and we've seen that the Capitol dome used to be gilded. And we've actually encouraged a bunch...we've encouraged folks to spend money on that because we want to restore the Capitol; we're